

Annex A – Gambling amongst family and friends

We propose to exempt gambling amongst family and friends if all of the following criteria are met:

- a. The primary purpose of the gathering is for a social occasion and there is a bona fide social relationship among participants;
- b. The gambling is not promoted or conducted for the purposes of trade or business;
- c. The gambling activity is not for the private gain of any person other than the extent of the game's winnings; and
- d. The gambling activity is conducted in enclosed areas of private residence, provided that the participants are invitees of the owner/tenant.

No.	Example	Is it exempted?
1	Private household of family members playing Mahjong in their home.	Yes, as all four exemption criteria are met.
2	Private household of family members playing Mahjong in their home's <u>outdoor</u> driveway.	No, as the social gambling activity is not conducted within enclosed areas.
3	Person A puts up a post on a public forum asking other players to come to his home to play Mahjong. All the players do not know each other prior to this gathering.	No, as there is no bona fide social relationship among the participants.
4	Person B is an events planner. He invites his clients to his home for Mahjong, to promote his event planning business.	No, as this is promoted or conducted for the purposes of trade or business.
5	Private household of family members playing Mahjong in another person's home, where the family members pay the host an admission fee to play.	No, as there is private gain by the host in the admission fee.
6	Person C hosts a dinner for his friends. After the dinner, Person C and his friends play Mahjong in the home.	Yes, as all four exemption criteria are met.
7	Family members play Mahjong at the HDB void deck.	No, as this is not conducted in a private residence.